

foreign work. As already remarked we do not seem to be ready to enter the foreign field but we are ready to enter upon the work. In fact we have already entered upon it. At Johnstown three years ago a foreign mission fund was started, and my report shows that three hundred and eighty-five dollars have thus far accumulated, moreover several of our young people have consecrated their lives to that special work, and have offered themselves to the Missionary Board. They are nervously watching every National Conference as to whether it will accept them, send them, and sustain them. They are scarcely qualified to actually enter any field as yet but they will be before we are aware if we do not bestir ourselves. I refer to Sister Clark, of Philadelphia; Sister Moomaw, of South Bend, Ind.; Sister Detwiler, of the United States and Brother Hollis, of Hudson, Iowa, who is preparing himself for a medical missionary, a very excellent feature in new fields.

There is one obstacle in the way in opening the field with the present candidates with which this conference cannot deal; they are all single, and we need at least one married couple "head over heels" in love with each other and sublimely filled with love of God for souls. I simply throw out this remark by way of suggestion, possibly one or the other, or all of them will take the hint and remove this difficulty without legislation on our part.

We will be indirectly engaged in foreign work by liberally endowing our College, by patronizing the Publishing House and amply supporting of our Home Missions. At present we are about two hundred and fifty dollars behind with last year's college expenses, about three hundred dollars behind with our home missionaries, the publishing has scarcely paid expenses, the College and Boarding Hall need painting, the rooms in the hall need furnishing or refurnishing, the board walk needs repairing, the campus needs improving to give it a more cheerful aspect, here is work and opportunity as to something for foreign missions, these trifles hang over us like a dark pall and keep us from moving forward as we ought. I say trifles, because such they are, just one penny a week from our membership would remove every one of them and liberally sustain the home work for all time and thus open the way for foreign work in the very near future.

What we need is not money but some system that will gather up the money that we have. A system that will gather up the pennies as well as the dollars. It is not so particular what the system is: the M. E. church assesses her members and the bishops see to it that the assessments are paid; the Christian and Missionary Alliance holds a continuous line of conventions thru out the year and raises her money by direct appeals to heart. Between these two extremes there are many other methods that would accomplish the work. All we need is to adopt some method and then work it out. Sister Wise, the mother of the famous little Paul, has a

method which, if worked as she works it by all the mothers in the church, would make all other methods unnecessary. Not only for the present but for all time to come, as children trained to give and to collect and save will carry that characteristic into their more mature life.

Notwithstanding the difficulties that beset us, and great amount of home work to be done, I think the time has come to enter upon foreign work in some more definite form than we thus far have done. I would favor and hereby suggest a separate foreign missionary society organized on a subscription basis; that is let every one interested in foreign missions subscribe a fixed amount to be paid annually toward the work. Such a plan would be advantageous because the Board would then know approximately what its resources would be a year in advance and could thus lay its plans accordingly. I suggest this plan and trust this conference will give some expression on it, whether favorable or unfavorable.

Our home missionaries are sustained by popular appeal. The College is sustained by endowments, and the National S. S. C. E. The Publishing House must be put upon a self-sustaining business basis and foreign missions, I believe, can be successfully managed upon a subscription basis. In this way there would be no conflict in the methods of securing support for these various purposes.

One more point. If conference should favor such a plan will it elect the officers and effect the organization, or will it merely authorize the organization and let the subscribers elect their own officers and committees?

I have no pet plan or scheme. I simply make these suggestions that the matter may be intelligently considered and some progress made in this one great mission of the church, the sending of the whole gospel to the whole world.

Our Dead

CROSS.—James B. Cross was born March 13, 1835, Frostburg, Maryland. Died Dec. 17, 1900, aged 65 years, 9 months and 4 days. Was a charter member of the Salisbury Brethren church. Served three years in the Civil war, Leaves a wife and large family of children. Funeral sermon by his pastor assisted by Brother Ringer of the Evangelical church. Brother Cross died very suddenly, no sickness, but heart ceased beating.
L. A. HAZLETT,
Elk Lick, Pa.

SEAWRIGHT.—Sanford H. Seawright was born March 13, 1847, died Nov. 29, 1900, aged 53 years, 8 months and 16 days. The deceased was married March 28, 1875, to Mary Clingenpeel, who with one daughter, survive him. He united with the German Baptist church in 1876, and his life has since been such as to impress others with the reality in the Christian religion. And so, at his home near Darwin, the end comes to an exemplary citizen, a man who was universally esteemed by his neighbors and friends, for his unfailing kindness and good will. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence Friday, by Eld. B.

H. Flora, of Nappanee. Interment at Burlington.

MOORE.—Sister Annetta Moore was born Dec. 27, 1833 in Pottsville, Pa., and died at her home in Lanark, Ill., Nov. 27, 1900, aged 66 years and 11 months. Her maiden name was Fries. She was married to Samuel Moore, May 10, 1850 at Tamaqua, Pa. Brother and Sister Moore united with the Brethren church at Lanark, Feb. 10, 1897. The funeral was held in the Brethren church in Lanark on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2:30 P. M. Services were conducted by the writer assisted by W. A. Welty, Interment was made in the city cemetery.
Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

MEYERS.—Sarah Margaret Meyers, born in Virginia, Oct. 20, 1830, died at the home of her daughter, sister Mary Carpenter near Vernalis, Cal., Dec. 6, 1900, aged 70 years, 1 month and 16 days. Eight years ago her husband, brother William Meyers, passed from labor to reward. She was one of the faithful members of the Lathrop Brethren church, having been a follower of Jesus since 1865. Her funeral occurred at E. Union church on Sunday Dec. 9, and was attended by a large concourse of her friends.
MARTIN SHIVELY.

HUGHES.—Daniel Hughes, aged 1 year and 20 days Died of whooping cough. Little Daniel was the only child of brother John and sister Amelia Hughes, of Mineral Point. We extend to the grief stricken parents our deepest sympathy in their sorrow. Funeral services in the Vinco church by the writer Vinco, Pa., Dec. 5, 1900.
J. L. BOWMAN.

Church News

Salisbury, Pa.

The class is preparing for a good revival early in the twentieth century. A very good way to open the new century. Had planned to have our series of meetings ere the holidays, but the S. S. C. E. placed a new heater in the church, this with other matters prevented us. Hope this new and much needed improvement will help make our members so comfortable we will, with the opening year have not a single absentee. Now I presume the society is ready to start the next needed improvement—a parsonage. This department of the church can do a good work for the church. Much sickness in our midst. Many deaths; another of our members has gone to his reward. May we live very expectantly of the early return of our Lord.
L. A. HAZLETT.
Elk Lick, Pa.

Hudson, Iowa

Several things of interest have occurred in Hudson church since last report. Our earnest and efficient Sunday school superintendent, brother Harlin Hollis, has renewed the interest of our Sunday school. He did this by reminding those who ought to be there at the opening of the school and were not, that he could not fill the place of all the officers and teachers himself. We wonder if a plain talk does not do us all good if we take it right. Our semi-annual communion was held on the evening of December 2. On account of bad weather it was not as largely attended as was hoped for. A good, spiritual meeting was enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Those who could not be present of course, missed the chance of obeying the Master in the service, and receiving the blessings which follow. Wonder if it would be out of place for the writer to ask this: Why, for the good of all concerned, do not more of the Brethren hold their semi-annual communions in the months of May and October. Especially those who hold them on Sunday. Farm work would not interfere with the service. Quite a few of the Hudson church attended the dedicatory services of the new church in Waterloo. We were repayed for a ten mile drive on a very cold day by a